# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

DARETHA BRAZIEL, et al.,

Case No. 1:21-cv-960

Plaintiffs,

Hon. Hala Y. Jarbou

v.

Mag Judge. Phillip J. Green

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER, et al.,

Defendants.

## DEFENDANTS THE CITY OF BENTON HARBOR, MARCUS MUHAMMAD, AND MICHAEL O'MALLEY'S NOTICE OF NONPARTY AT FAULT

Defendants The City of Benton Harbor, Marcus Muhammed, and Michael O'Malley ("Defendants"), by their undersigned counsel, hereby provide notice pursuant to Mich. Ct. R. 2.112(K)(3) that the following nonparties may be wholly or partially at fault for Plaintiffs' claims:

- 1. Ernest Sarkipato, Surface Water Treatment Specialist, EGLE.
  - a. 525 West Allegan Street, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909-7973.
  - Made decisions and statements that concealed and prolonged the alleged public health crisis.
- 2. Brandon Onan, Lead and Copper Unit Supervisor, EGLE.
  - a. 525 West Allegan Street, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909-7973.
  - Made decisions and statements that concealed and prolonged the alleged public health crisis.
- 3. United States Environmental Protection Agency.
  - a. 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460.

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- 4. Michael S. Regan, Administrator, EPA.
  - a. 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460.
  - Made decisions and statements that concealed and prolonged the alleged public health crisis.
- 5. Debra E. Shore, Region 5 Administrator, EPA.
  - a. 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604.
  - Made decisions and statements that concealed and prolonged the alleged public health crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 29, 2024

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 29, 2024, the foregoing document was filed with the Clerk of the Court via the Court's CM/ECF electronic filing system which will give notice of such filing to all parties via their counsel of record.

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